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Why everyone is Hip

Our stories are reflected in their songs — which have forever etched their way deep into Canada's heart

Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

The Tragically Hip — five guys from Kingston — remind us of ourselves.

Our stories are reflected in their songs, and in their three-decade long journey of ups and downs, from Juno Awards to terminal illness, which have forever etched their way deep into Canada's heart.

The lyrics "they shot a movie once, in my hometown" have always evoked an emotional response in me.

I can't help but sing along when Blow at High Dough randomly comes on my car radio, and it's guaranteed that I will get up and dance if I'm in a bar that starts blasting the iconic song from the 1989 album Up to Here.

Okay, let's be honest. The same is true when I hear any tune by The Tragically Hip, my hometown band. Having grown up in Kingston, Ont.,

it's impossible not to feel pride for a bunch of seemingly average local guys not just making it big in music, but becoming interwoven into the very fabric of Canadian culture.

And perhaps that's what Kingstonians are most proud of — the fact that The Hip isn't just our band, but the entire country's band.

From "... in Bobcaygeon, where I saw the constellations ..." to "... sundown in the Paris of the prairies," The Hip's lyrics travel across the country, while the unique rumble of Gord Downie's voice and the band's distinctive brand of alternative rock somehow represent our Canadian mindset, and have become our country's signature sound.

That journey, and that feeling we get when we hear The Hip on the radio, will be celebrated Saturday night not just in our hometown, but across the country, as a "late breaking story on the CBC," and at public viewing parties taking place coast to coast.



Gord Downie performs during the first stop of the Man Machine Poem Tour in July in Victoria, B.C.
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Growth could be more costly

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Growth fees could be coming to the City of Winnipeg for residential, commercial and industrial builds.

Members of the city's development industry learned this on Thursday during a meeting with Hemson Consulting Ltd., which has been hired to prepare a growth study for the city.

Mike Moore, president of the Manitoba Home Builder's Association, said the city and consultant are considering levying infrastructure-related charges on commercial and industrial buildings, as well as residential developments.

Tyler Markowsky, city economist, confirmed elected officials are to be presented with options that could see growth fees applied to just residential properties, residential, commercial and industrial properties, or no new fees applied at all.

But for now, he said more data needs to be collected before the city is presented with a final report on Aug. 31.

The report also states the fees could add \$30,000 to the price of a residential lot.

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ST. JAMES COMMUNITY

Village's metal trees get a new light on life

The metal trees of St. James Village have been given new life.

The St. James Business Improvement Zone (SJBIZ) began investing in enhancing the Village streetscape in 2013 with the installation of separate "plazas."

Six were designed and installed along the North side of Portage Avenue, each one including two live tree wells, two benches on interlocking bricks, and adjacent to each plaza stands three of the notorious metal trees.

Jennifer Mathieson, SJBIZ spokesperson, said the trees originally installed in the '90s were designed as a light feature, but the implementation missed the mark.

"They were just metal trees with string lights strung between branches, which burned out quite quickly," she said, adding they were also just plugged into business outlets.

"(We) decided they are kind of

iconic, people knew they existed, people knew they were in St. James, so we decided to repurpose them."

The trees were removed from their original location, cleaned up, power cords were run up through their stem and the leaves are now wrapped in a string of low-power-draw, custom-made commercial LED rope lighting.

New goose-neck streetlights

in the area also draw less power than old street lights, which freed up a bit of circuit load.

"People can walk and sit and enjoy the greenery," she said, adding the plazas are already a hit.

"People have lunch, it has created a bit more of a gathering place, people sit out there in the evenings with the lights all of the time."

"They are little gathering places providing a little greenery and a community feel instead of a highway." BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

They are little gathering places providing a little greenery.

Jennifer Mathieson



The trees are now clustered around pedestrian-friendly benches and bike racks. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



The Assiniboine Trail bike path is finally open. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Assiniboine Trail bike path re-opens

TRANSPORTATION

Advocate says long closure shows disregard for cyclists



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The Assiniboine Trail protected bike path is finally re-opening, after years of condo construction bisected it at Navy Way.

"A general consensus is this kind of thing should never hap-

pen again," said Winnipeg Trails Co-ordinator Anders Swanson, who characterized the extended closure without proper detour the city's "most egregious" disregard for cyclists of late.

A sign at 300 Assiniboine Ave. became somewhat of a joke in early 2016 when the quoted target that the bike path would re-open there in 2015 had obviously been missed.

When the false sign came down there were hurdle-like barriers, cones, and enough construction gear in the lane to push cyclists travelling in both directions into the roadway — and head-first into traffic if they

were travelling eastbound in the two-way lane before the merge.

"It was definitely unintuitive and very chaotic at that section where that construction started," Swanson said. "Just confusing and disjointed."

Further down the line at 390 Assiniboine Ave., the bike path is again bisected by construction work, but the city "did a better job of providing temporary facilities around that one," Swanson said.

That part is expected to open up in 2018, according to a city spokesperson.

Swanson said it's great that cyclists will be able to enjoy

the trail with less impedance now, but the message the city sent with how the closure was handled still resonates; bikes matter less.

"It is Manitoba's most popular bicycle facility, the fact we couldn't even keep that open somehow was disappointing," he said. "Moving forward, unless there are stricter rules and policies in place... it is a slap in the face a little bit."

Swanson explained one visible upside is that protected bike lanes are "good for real-estate development," and it proves new developments will cluster to the marketable infrastructure.

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THINGS TO DO IN WINNIPEG THIS WEEKEND

Two festivals downtown and a chance to say goodbye to the Tragically Hip means Winnipeggers will be outside in droves this weekend. Here's where you can find all the action. METRO



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1 Mmmm, BBQ

The BBQ and Blues Festival is back Friday and Saturday and can be found in and around the Burton Cummings Theatre. Check out headliners like Big Dave McLean, the New Meanies and Creedence Clearwater Revisited. Two-day passes will run you \$69-\$129 and can be found at Ticketmaster.



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2 Filipino Festival

Downtown will see the Filipino Festival grace its streets for the first time, starting with a parade on Saturday at 9 a.m. from Memorial boulevard between Broadway and York Avenue. The festival will feature music, dancing, business booths and of course, scrumptious Filipino food.



DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

3 Canada's concert

The Tragically Hip's final concert will be broadcast at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. While you're certainly welcome to watch it at home on CBC, there are several places to watch it with people in Winnipeg, including Archambault Park, The Fairmont Winnipeg, The Forks Market, Transcona Centennial Square, The Cube Stage, West End Cultural Centre, and the Lyric Theatre at Assiniboine Park.



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4 Heavy metal without the heavy

Zakk Wyld, arguably one of the greatest heavy metal guitarists of all time, brings his second solo release, Book of Shadows II, to the Garrick Centre on Sunday. The mid-tempo collection is the follow up to Book of Shadows, released 20 years ago. Tickets are \$45 at Ticketmaster.



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5 The sun rises on Sunset

The first Electric Sunset festival will spin its way into Shaw Park Friday, and will feature Grammy-winning DJ Tiesto, along with DJ Morgan Page, DJs Party Favor and SNBRN and Vicetone. Tickets are \$89.99 at Ticketmaster. Find more info at electricsunsetfest.com.

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David McLaughlin. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tories hire a party vet

POLITICS

McLaughlin's advisory job pays \$10,000 a month

The man who managed the successful election campaign for the Manitoba Tories has been given a senior political job that pays more than \$10,000 a month.

David McLaughlin has been hired on a seven-month contract as a senior adviser on climate change.

McLaughlin previously worked for Conservative governments federally and in New Brunswick.

He was also president of the National Roundtable on the Environment and The Economy for five years.

Cathy Cox, the province's minister for sustainable development, said McLaughlin

brings important experience to his advisory job on climate change.

Since winning the April 19 election, the Progressive Conservatives have also hired the party's former president, Michael Richards, as a deputy secretary to cabinet for just over \$163,000 a year.

Other Tories have been appointed to Crown corporations or police boards, including unsuccessful candidates such as Edna Nabess and Tracey Maconachie.

Former Tory legislature members Stuart Murray and Mavis Taillieu have been awarded spots on the board of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries.

"David McLaughlin is a nationally recognized public policy leader across energy, economy and the environment with 30 years of experience in government and private sector settings across Canada," Cox said in a written statement.

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AARON DRIVER TAKEDOWN

Cabbie says police put his life at risk

A taxi driver who was in the car when a terrorist sympathizer was gunned down by officers in southwestern Ontario has slammed police, saying they needlessly put his life in jeopardy.

Terry Duffield has told The London Free Press that police didn't warn him as he waited in the driveway for five minutes for Aaron Driver before the 24-year-old got into the back of his cab.

He says police swarmed them only after he began reversing the car out of the driveway, which is when he says Driver set off an explosive device.

Duffield says a pack of cigarettes saved his life because he reached over for them just as the explosion went off and bullets started flying — saying the seat protected him, not police.

Driver died during a con-

frontation with RCMP in Strathroy, Ont., last Wednesday after making a martyrdom video that suggested he was planning to detonate a homemade bomb in an urban centre.

"As I'm laying on the ground, I hear an officer say, loud, 'He's still twitching.' Then I hear pop, pop, pop, pop, like four or five shots, and then it was complete silence," Duffield, 47, told the London Free Press.

Driver moved to Strathroy from Winnipeg earlier this year to live with his sister.

Duffield told The London Free Press he has post-traumatic stress from the incident.

"Why did the police put my life jeopardy? They did absolutely nothing to help me at any time," Duffield said. "They did absolutely nothing at any time to prevent me from getting in that situation."

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IN BRIEF

Court turns down appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear a Crown appeal after the Manitoba Court of Appeal last year overturned the sexual assault conviction of Winnipeg chiropractor Marlin Vandermeulen on the grounds it took too long for the justice system to deal with his case.

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Beach closed to swimmers

A popular beach north of Winnipeg was closed for swimming while searchers looked for a possible drowning victim on Wednesday, but no one was found. RCMP say someone at Birds Hill Provincial Park reported seeing a head go under the water and not resurface.

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Growth fees needed as city broke

MONEY ANALYSIS

City will be tempted to put funds into general revenue



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg is growing — that was the message mayor Brian Bowman delivered loud and clear at the city's release of its housing and economic growth forecast.

Over the next 25 years our city's population will hit one million people and have nearly 400,000 housing units.

Herein lies Bowman's argument for growth fees, which are levies applied to builders of new developments, designed to cover the cost of growth-related infrastructure, from roads and transit to police stations and parks.

Growth should pay for growth, Bowman believes. Simple, right?

But a closer look at the



Mayor Brian Bowman and the rest of council need to make up a projected funding gap of \$430 million per year by 2026. METRO FILE

city's books reveals there's another reality at play, which no doubt motivates our mayor — not to mention those bureaucrats soon to be seated around the budget table — to usher in a new revenue stream for reasons besides population growth and the

principle of fairness.

Our city needs money. Desperately.

A community trends and performance report that was penned in anticipation of the 2016 budget contains an appendix that offers a brief explainer on the city's money

woes.

"Ongoing revenues are not enough to cover current expenditure levels," the report reads.

It traces this financial conundrum to years of property tax freezes under the administrations of former mayors

Sam Katz and Glen Murray.

At the time it was written, the report predicted city hall had to overcome a \$73 million shortfall in planning its 2016 tax-supported operating budget.

"By 2026, without other revenue increases or other new revenues, the funding gap grows to \$430 million per year."

That calculation presumes a steady property tax increase of 2.33 per cent for the next decade — two per cent of which pays for local and regional street repairs, and 0.33 that funds rapid transit.

Because this money is dedicated for specific infrastructure projects, the report says it can't be used to cover the city's general expenses.

More bad news is that \$430 million shortfall excludes what's known as the city's infrastructure deficit, which is expected to climb to \$7.4 billion by 2018.

But it gets even worse. The report states city hall does not have funding sources for its 14 major capital projects inked on its to-do list for the next decade.



Ongoing revenues are not enough to cover current expenditure levels.

Community trends and performance report

These projects include the widening of Marion Street, and replacements of both the Arlington and Louise bridges, just to name a few.

Bowman has used this infrastructure deficit as a springboard for his call on the province and feds to cough up our city's fair share of tax pie.

But try as our mayor might, premier Brian Pallister has veered towards promising our city a better seat at the decision-making table rather than fistfuls of new cash, and Ottawa's spending on city infrastructure has its own fiscal ceiling.

So sure, a growing city is one case for growth fees.

But so is one with a revenue problem.

HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY

Developers doubt city's numbers

Industry members say they're "disappointed" with the city's possible plan to introduce of growth fees in Winnipeg.

Mike Moore, president of the Manitoba Home Builders' Association, was among a group of builders and developers who, on Thursday, were presented with findings from a study by Hemson Consulting Ltd., on the cost of growth to our city.

He said the consultant presented a service-by-service breakdown of the city's growth-related cost, including 25 types of capital projects tied to growth, which ranged from the construction of

new roads and recreation facilities, to the purchasing of additional buses, bus rapid transit, and upgrades to water treatment plants.

He said no specific numbers were provided as to what a growth fee could cost per residential, commercial or industrial lot.

When city hall last explored the idea of introducing a growth fee under former mayor Sam Katz, Moore said the cost per lot was expected to be \$10,000, but based on the consultant's early calculations that cost could double or triple.

According to the consultant's presentation, which tallied growth-related costs for residential properties by the square metre, a typical household could face a cost upwards of \$30,272.

For a multi-unit complexes that could mean \$24,339 or \$15,982 for apartments.

Moore criticized the numbers as "arbitrary," and said the majority of industry members were disappointed with the findings.

Moore added that industry members will be preparing their own report to present to councillors.

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TRANSPLANT

Family starts non-profit for children in Vietnam

Kris Chung knew he had to help when he first read about an unspeakable choice facing an Ontario father who could only save the life of one of his two ailing three-year-old twin daughters.

Chung was in the middle of his first year at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., in 2015 when he saw a picture of Phuoc and Binh Wagner's family — also living in Kingston — and noticed their father's military uniform. Michael Wagner is a major in the army with three tours to Afghanistan under his belt.

The twin girls lived with a genetic disorder called Alagille syndrome that affects the liver, heart and other organs. Michael Wagner, a perfect match for both, donated part of his liver to save Phuoc — a choice made by the doctors.

Little Binh waited for another perfect match.



Kris Chung, left, Binh and Phuoc Wagner and mom Johanne Wagner in Kingston, Ont., on Thursday. Kris donated part of his liver in April, 2015 to save Binh. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chung, whose father is from Vietnam, felt the pull further the more he read — the Wagners adopted the twins from Vietnam.

"I decided to help because it's the right thing to do and we're in the military so we help each

other out," said Chung, now 21.

Even in the early days of military school, Chung said he felt like he was already part of the rat race, everything done to pursue a lucrative career.

"I feel like four years of a

prime time in my life taken away by school where I don't give back to my community is kind of a burden," Chung said.

"So I put my name in and got a call a week later."

After many successful screen-

ings he was the second on the donor list.

"I was disappointed because I put in a lot of effort and I knew I was one of the healthiest candidates around."

Then the top choice backed out and he got a call from the hospital and was told to be in Toronto in 12 hours. He hopped on a train within hours and was en route to Toronto. He didn't tell his parents about the upcoming surgery, but had to get his brother to sign power of attorney at the last minute in case he died or fell into a coma.

He eventually told his parents, who live in Vancouver.

Chung met with the girls' family after the transplant, but he is only going public with his story now because together with the Wagners they are announcing a non-profit organization, Twins For Hope, to help impoverished children in Vietnam.

"Kris is now part of our family, we love him — I mean what else can you do but love a person who saved your girl's life?" said Johanne Wagner, the twins' mother. "And now we're going to work on helping other kids in need with our foundation."

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POLITICS

Groups call on PM after limo costs revealed

Opposition parties and a taxpayer watchdog group want Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to send a clear message about the way ministers and MPs use the public purse after it was disclosed Health Minister Jane Philpott spent thousands



Jane Philpott THE CANADIAN PRESS

of dollars for the services of a Toronto-based limo company.

On Wednesday, the minister's office acknowledged spending \$1,994 for car service on July 12, when the minister spoke at the Assembly of First Nations annual meeting in Niagara Falls, Ont., and another \$3,815 for 20 trips to Toronto's Pearson airport for flights to Ottawa on ministerial business.

It is important that Trudeau send a strong signal, said Aaron Wudrick, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

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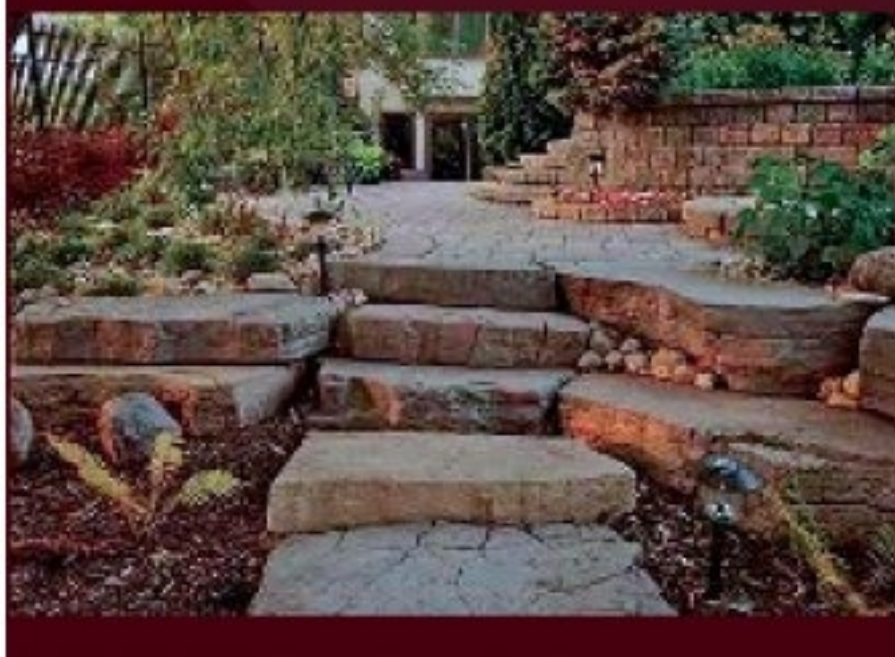
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Video footage showing Aaron Driver behind RCMP Deputy Commissioner Mike Cabana, left, and Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Strachan during a press conference in Ottawa on Aug. 11. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mounties tight-lipped on foiled terror plot

INFORMATION

Aaron Driver investigation shrouded in secrecy

The RCMP has thrown a cloak of secrecy over many of the details around its Aug. 10 takedown of alleged terrorist Aaron Driver, saying investigations are ongoing.

In the immediate aftermath of the incident senior RCMP commanders provided a few key pieces of the story but put off many questions. They said investigations into a "still unfolding event" had not been completed.

But the Mounties were clear last week they had no information that Driver had any accomplices in what they said was a

plan to cause mass casualties in an urban centre with a home-made explosive device.

One week after his death, the Mounties remain tight-lipped.

Cab driver Terry Duffield, who was injured in the event, is demanding answers to his questions.

Duffield spoke out Thursday to say the police put his life in danger by failing to warn him as he waited in the driveway for the 24-year-old to emerge from his sister's home in Strathroy, Ont.

"Why did the police put my life jeopardy? They did absolutely nothing to help me at any time," Duffield told the London Free Press.

The RCMP did not respond to a request Thursday for comment on Duffield's concerns.

The RCMP also declined repeated requests over the past few

“
Why did the police put my life jeopardy?
”
Terry Duffield

days for information about the status of the investigation into what explosive material Driver had amassed, and how and where he obtained the material. The investigation is being led by RCMP forensics and explosives experts, said assistant commissioner Jennifer Strachan last week.

At the time of his death, Driver was subject to a peace bond that restricted his Internet and cellphone communications and banned him from possessing or acquiring any firearms, ammunition, prohibited devices or

explosive substances.

Sgt. Harold Pfeleiderer said by email, "We won't be commenting on an ongoing investigation and, of course, the details you are looking for would fall into that."

He would not reveal whether the investigation into Driver's acquisition of explosives was complete.

The RCMP also declined a request for clarification of the source of information that last week the Mounties said indicated Driver's unspecified threat would target an urban centre.

Last week, at an Ottawa news conference, deputy commissioner Mike Cabana, in charge of federal policing, said the RCMP received "credible information from the FBI including a martyrdom video" that the attack was imminent.

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VANCOUVER

Canadian filmmaker wins Kevin Spacey award



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Mary Galloway will never forget the day she received a call from the foundation of one of her filmmaking heroes, House of Cards creator and star Kevin Spacey.

For one, the First Nations actor learned she'd been short-listed to become the first-ever Canadian filmmaker ever to win the Oscar- and Golden

Globe-winning actor's "Artist of Choice" award — and with it professional mentorship and \$10,000 towards her upcoming film about a First Nations nanny in the 1970s.

Mostly, however, she was shocked to discover that Spacey would be hand-picking the winners himself for his emerging artists fellowship, from roughly 2,000 applicants.

"I was just speechless. I still haven't stopped smiling about it."

Galloway — an acting grad of

Vancouver's New Image College of Fine Arts — submitted for his consideration Unintentional Mother, a short film she wrote in which she'll portray a young First Nations nanny forced to choose between loyalty and escaping abuse from her father.

Originally from Qualicum Beach, Galloway is Coast Salish and her directorial debut will unite two of her professional passions: writing memorable characters she can act on screen and "showing First Nations girls they can do what they want."



Mary Galloway
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A child sits in an ambulance after being pulled out of a building hit by an airstrike on Wednesday in Aleppo, Syria. ALEPPO MEDIA CENTER VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Omran's image shocks world

AIRSTRIKES

Boy brings to mind drowned Syrian refugee Alan Kurdi

The Russian military said Thursday it was ready to back a United Nations call for weekly cease-fires for Syria's contested city of Aleppo, as haunting footage of a young boy's rescue from the aftermath of an airstrike shook global media.

The image of the stunned and weary-looking boy, sitting in an ambulance caked with dust and with blood on his face, captured the horror that has beset the war-torn northern city.

An hour after his rescue, the badly damaged building the boy was in completely collapsed.

A doctor in Aleppo identified the child as five-year-old Omran Daqneesh. He was brought to the hospital, known as "M10,"

“It was as if he was asleep. Not unconscious, but traumatized — lost.” Mahmoud Abu Rajab

on Wednesday night, following an air strike by Russian or government warplanes on the rebel-held neighbourhood of Qaterji, said Dr. Osama Abu al-Ezz. The boy suffered head wounds but no brain injury and was later discharged.

Rescue workers and journalists arrived shortly after the strike and described pulling victims from the rubble.

“We were passing them from one balcony to the other,” said photojournalist Mahmoud Raslan, who took the dramatic photo. He said he had passed along three lifeless bodies when someone handed him the wounded boy. Raslan gave the child to a rescue worker, who rushed him to the ambulance.

Eight people died in the strike, including five children, according to a doctor who gave only his first name,

Abo Mohammadian. Many doctors working in Aleppo's opposition areas do not give their full names for fear of reprisals against their relatives in government areas.

A nurse who treated Omran said “he was in a daze.”

“It was as if he was asleep. Not unconscious, but traumatized — lost,” said Mahmoud Abu Rajab.

Omran's three siblings, ages 1, 6 and 11, and his mother and father were also rescued from the building. None sustained major injuries.

The powerful imagery reverberated across social media, drawing to mind the global response to the photos of Alan Kurdi, the drowned Syrian boy whose body was found on a beach in Turkey and came to represent the horrific toll of Syria's civil war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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CALIFORNIA

Authorities estimate few heeded orders to evacuate

Air tankers bombarded rugged slopes with fire retardant Thursday and a squadron of helicopters dropped load after load of water to corral a destructive wildfire threatening mountain homes 95 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

On the ground, firefighters and bulldozers worked to protect the ski town of Wrightwood and other areas high in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Authorities estimated that only half the 4,500 residents of Wrightwood heeded evacuation orders.

The fire has blackened more than 125 square kilometres and was just 4 per cent contained, with more than 34,000 homes and some 82,000 residents still under evacuation warnings three days after it erupted in hot, gusty conditions and spread with extraordinary speed.



A wildfire east of Los Angeles spread fast Wednesday, threatening more than 82,000 people and prompting the governor of California to declare a state of emergency. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

After five years of drought, California's wildlands have seen a continuous streak of destructive and sometimes deadly fires this year.

The dry vegetation is like firewood, said fire information officer Sean Collins.

"It burns that much quicker, that much hotter. The rate of

travel is extremely fast," he said.

Fire officials indicated there were significant property losses but had yet to release a tally, leaving those who fled waiting to find out whether their homes were still standing.

Steve Boyd, 67, fled Wednesday with his wife from the mountain community of Lytle

Creek. The former volunteer firefighter recalled staying behind during a destructive 2003 wildfire but didn't regret leaving this time.

"It's just stuff," he said of his possessions.

Firefighters worked through the night to defend Lytle Creek. "They made numerous

82,000

Number of residents still under evacuation warnings three days after the blaze erupted

saves," fire information officer Bob Poole said.

Boyd had a stern warning for those who chose not to heed evacuation orders.

"A garden hose is not going to help," he said.

Residents like Vi Delgado and her daughter April Christy were among those wondering whether their home was intact, though they had found out that their pets and the shelter animals they take care of had been saved. They had been through earlier wildfires, but nothing like this one.

"No joke, we were literally being chased by the fire," Christy said in a voice choked with emotion in a minivan outside the Fontana evacuation centre. "You've got flames on the side of you. You've got flames behind you."

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HAITI

Cholera victims need more, UN admits

The United Nations says it needs to do "much more" to address its own involvement in the introduction of cholera to Haiti and the suffering of those affected, estimated at more than 770,000.

Researchers say there is ample evidence that cholera was introduced to Haiti's biggest river in October 2010 by inadequately treated sewage from a UN peacekeeping base. The United Nations has never accepted responsibility, and has answered lawsuits on behalf of victims in U.S. courts by claiming diplomatic immunity.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq's statement referring to the UN's "own involvement" came a step closer to an admission of responsibility and was welcomed by lawyers for the victims.

"This is a major victory for the thousands of Haitians who have been marching for justice, writing to the UN and bringing the UN to court," said Mario Joseph, a Haitian human-rights attorney whose law firm is leading a claim on behalf of 5,000 victims who blame the UN for introducing the disease. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadian exhibition going back to roots

RECREATION

Annual fair to once again showcase innovations

For decades, the end-of-summer ritual of visiting the Canadian National Exhibition was also the only chance for fairgoers to catch a glimpse of the newest gadget or product due to hit the market.

In 1888, Canadians got their first look at the telephone as well as Edison's phonograph. In 1929, G.H. Wood showed off liquid soap.

In 1939, RCA Victor unveiled the television. In 1958, a forerunner to the microwave was on display.

"I remember my father looking at cars covertly because my mother didn't want one," said CNE president Brian Ashton. "I think our family's first col-



The Canadian National Exhibition is hoping to resurrect a bit of history this year by running the Innovation Garage, which will showcase some of the latest inventions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

our television set came from the CNE. It was a place where products were showcased."

But in recent years, Ashton said the idea of going to the

CNE to see the latest and greatest has waned. That's why the Ex is hoping to resurrect a bit of that history this year by running the Innovation Garage.

The garage, which runs from Friday to Sunday, will feature some products for sale, while others are only in the development age.

"With the 21st-century economy, products are always in their infancy. They are evolving," said Ashton, adding this is a chance for companies to reach out to the broader public.

Richard Lachman, a professor in the Faculty of Communication and Design at Ryerson University, a partner in the Innovation Garage, says the exhibits are a chance for public to connect with innovators.

"Innovation is about making it and getting out in front of people," he said, instead of working on something for five years and spending all your money to discover it doesn't work or won't sell.

"You don't design for other people. You design with them," said Lachman.

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MONEY LAUNDERING

Watchdog probing fintech weaknesses

The director of Canada's anti-money laundering watchdog says the agency is studying how vulnerable certain emerging technologies, such as those being pioneered by so-called fintech startups, are to financial crime.

Gerald Cossette says it's important for the federal government to encourage innovation by emerging financial technology companies. But, he adds, Ottawa must balance that with the need to protect the integrity and stability of the financial system.

Cossette says many fintech

startups — for example those that deal with currency exchange or sending cash — may not realize that they are required to register with Fintrac, the anti money-laundering agency, as money services businesses.

"We are assessing the vulnerabilities of these new technologies to criminal exploitation, such as how they can be used in trade-based money laundering, for which mechanism and detection techniques are not as well understood as they should be," he says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Celebrity gossip website Gawker.com closing

Gawker.com is shutting down next week after 14 years of operation, the celebrity gossip website announced Thursday. This follows a successful Univision \$135 million US bid to buy six other websites owned by its parent company, Gawker Media. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FINDINGS Your week in science



MOUSE MICROBES
Scientists think they've nabbed the smallest culprit in the reproducibility crisis — the ongoing failure of the scientific community to replicate its research results. Differences in bacteria living in the guts of lab mice seem to account for some differences in results of otherwise identical studies.

SOUND SMART

STOICHIOMETRY

DEFINITION
Stoichiometry is the precise calculation of reactants and products in a chemical reaction. Using **stoichiometry**, scientists balance chemical equations so they're equal on both sides. That's because matter cannot be created or destroyed.

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Ben-Hur's chariots of ire

ANALYSIS

Filming that famous scene throughout movie history

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Ben-Hur director Timur Bekmambetov compares the legend of a Jewish prince falsely accused of treason by his adopted Roman brother to Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet "and any story written by Chekhov."

Ripe with betrayal, revenge and redemption but shaded with love and compassion, Bekmambetov says the story of Ben-Hur is "timeless."

"The conflicts the characters experience are as relatable today as they were in Roman times or 1880, when Lew Wallace wrote the novel. It's human nature and that doesn't change," says producer Sean Daniel.

The human story is the engine that propels the Ben-Hur narrative, but throughout film history it's the tale's chariot race that entertains the eye. In version after version the showdown between the hero and his duplicitous brother is the centerpiece of the action.

This weekend Bekmambetov's big-budget version of the story stars Jack Huston as Judah Ben-Hur and yes, there is a chariot race. "It was very, very dangerous work," the director says of the scene that took 45

days to shoot and featured 90 trained horses. Each chariot was attached to four horses and could reach speeds of 65 to 70 km/h. "There's no suspension," says Bekmambetov. "It's shaky, it's vibrating. The horses are snorting around you, behind you. It's absolutely unprotected. You feel like you're in the hands of fate."

No animals were harmed during the shooting of Bekmambetov's chariot race and, remarkably, the only human injury was a broken arm. Historically, however, shooting the chariot scenes has been fraught with problems.

Toronto-born director Sidney Olcott's 1907 silent version focused on the race. Shot on a beach in New Jersey with local firemen as the charioteers and firehouse horses pulling the chariots, the scene was lifted directly from the novel, which triggered the first major copyright infringement case in movie history. It wasn't standard practice to ask the author's permission before adapting their work, but after Ben-Hur the Supreme Court decreed film companies must obtain rights to previously published work.

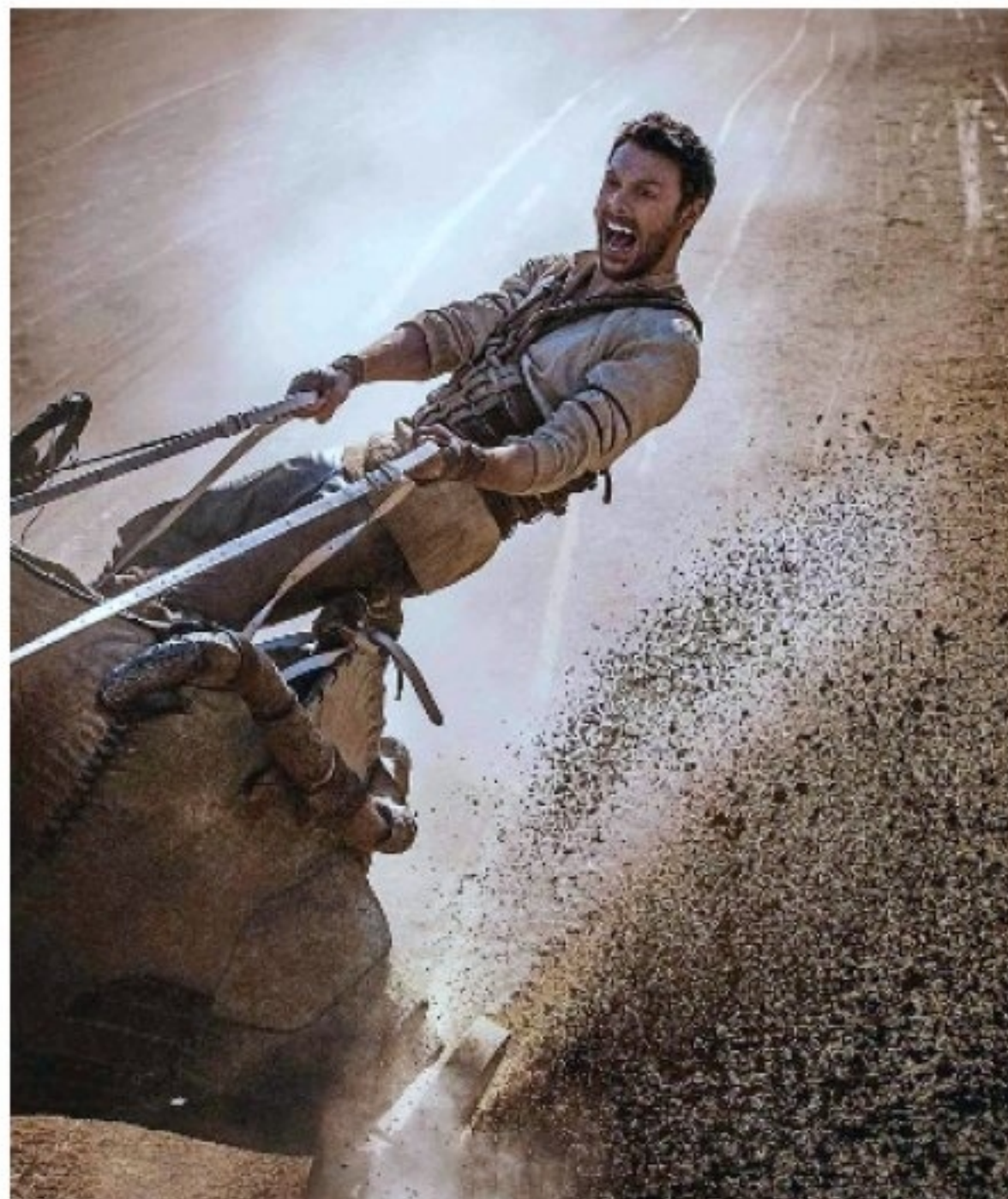
According to an MGM memo 1925's Ben-Hur A Tale of the Christ's chariot sequence took 42 cameras and two months

to shoot at a cost of \$500,000. The result was 60,960 metres of film which was whittled down to 228.6 metres. The completed sequence was named the Most Edited Scene of all Time by The Guinness Book of World Records and was copied, almost shot-for-shot in the animated film The Prince of Egypt and in the pod race scene from Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace.

The spectacular scene featured thousands of extras, including William Wyler, who would go on to direct the most famous version of the story, the 1959 movie starring Charlton Heston.

Legend has it that a stuntman was killed during the shooting of the Wyler's legendary sequence but according to Snopes.com the rumour is false. In fact it was 1925 shoot that claimed the life of a stuntman who was killed when his chariot wheel broke and he was thrown in the air.

On Wyler's set a stuntman was injured when his chariot overturned and two other horse drawn carts crashed into a bank of cameras but no one was hurt. Later, when Heston, who did most of his own driving in the scene, was asked if he liked shooting the scene he said, "I didn't enjoy any of it. It was hard work."



In the latest incarnation of Ben-Hur, the chariot race scene took 45 days to shoot and featured 90 trained horses. Jack Huston plays Judah Ben-Hur. CONTRIBUTED

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Jonah Hill as arms dealer Efraim Diveroli in War Dogs. "I try to approach it from a therapeutic point of view," he says of playing real-life people. "Get into the psychology of why people behave the way they do." CONTRIBUTED

How to channel an arms dealer

INTERVIEW

Jonah Hill had homework to do to play Efraim Diveroli

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



By definition the term 'war dogs' refers to "bottom feeders who make money off war without ever stepping foot on the battlefield."

In the new film War Dogs Jonah Hill plays Efraim Diveroli, a true to life 20-something arms dealer who fits that description to a tee. "You try to understand why someone would end up like that," Hill says when I ask how he got inside the head of the fast-talking character. "It might be a combination of wiring, lack of empathy, ego and insecurity and obsessiveness. I don't know. I try to approach it from a therapeutic point of view. Get into the psychology of why people behave the way they do. Probably most actors do that."

He wasn't able to meet the real-life Diveroli but he was able to piece together the character without a face-to-face.

"I would always prefer to meet the person but if someone was playing me in a movie I would give them the best version of myself. A lot of times when you meet the person you end up having to be a really good editor, choosing what to include, but always I found meeting the people around them ends up being more helpful to me because they are giving you awarts-and-all portrayal of the person at that time."

Hill found that version of Diveroli from many sources.

"I had a lot of help," he

says. "I got to meet David, who Miles (Teller) plays, and a few people who knew Efraim at that time. The biggest key was that they are from Miami and Miami culture is very specific. There is a very big sense of the American dream there, in a positive and negative way. There's a big immigrant culture. People from Cuba and Haiti end up in America for the first time through Miami. Efraim is a corruption of that (American) dream."

In the film Efraim is a self-described "Ugly American," a borderline sociopath for whom belligerence is a default setting.

The unhinged nature of the character and Hill's venal glee in playing up the worst in human nature keeps War Dogs interesting but some audience members see it differently.

Recently a crew of South African arms dealers approached Hill in a restaurant after seeing a trailer for War Dogs. They were impressed and wanted to high five the actor. He says the same thing happened after he made Wolf of Wall Street, another film where he played a morally ambiguous character who struck a chord with the very people it was satirizing.

"A lot of times Wall Street bros will come up to me as if the movie is their Goodfellas or Scarface. People see what they want to see. It is a little scary sometimes when people misinterpret."

He describes the run in with the arms dealers as "uncomfortable." "You don't want to make

it an overly uncomfortable environment while that is happening," he says, "but you also don't want to lie and be dishonest that you are agreeing with them. You don't want to make them feel bad about their misinterpretation. It's an unusual awkward situation to be sure. In the end, we all want to be seen as heroes in our own story, I guess."

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Jonah Hill, talking about Wolf of Wall Street on how people misinterpret his morally ambiguous characters



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Parker haunted by rape allegations

THE BIRTH OF A NATION

New details could derail actor's march to the Oscars

"Festival fever" is the name the film industry gives to the inflated reception a movie can experience at a festival, where exuberant audiences and the competition of negotiations can ratchet up a film's hype and price tag. But what can appear a sure-fire hit in the mountains of Sundance can turn into an expensive headache on the way to theatres.

As Nate Parker's *The Birth of a Nation* continues to be enveloped in a rape case from 1999, Fox Searchlight — the art-house studio that plunked down a Sundance Film Festival record of \$17.5 million for the distri-

bution rights to the Nat Turner slave rebellion drama — might be questioning its sizable investment.

The fortunes of *The Birth of a Nation*, to be released Oct. 7, are very much in flux as the details of a 17-year-old rape accusation are derailing the film's expected march into Oscar season. *The Birth of a Nation*, co-written, directed and starring Parker, has been celebrated as an urgent and important film for both an America roiled by protest over racial equality,

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It's going to be hard enough for Nate Parker to walk into a room in Hollywood now, let alone win awards.

Veteran Oscar pundit
Sasha Stone

Penn State University. Parker was acquitted, though his college roommate, Jean Celestin (who helped create *The Birth of a Nation*) was initially found

and for Hollywood, which is still dealing with a diversity crisis.

But the new-found attention on Parker has dredged up a rape allegation made against him when he was a student and wrestler at



Nate Parker is the co-writer, director and lead star of *The Birth of a Nation*. AP FILE

guilty of sexual assault. That conviction was later overturned when the accuser declined to testify for a retrial.

The case garnered a lot of attention at Penn State. Parker and Celestin allegedly harassed the accuser on campus. The incident spawned a civil lawsuit by the woman against

the college with a settlement of \$17,500. But, as was first reported Tuesday, the accuser, after several previous attempts, committed suicide in 2012. Her brother, identified only as Johnny, told *The Hollywood Reporter*, "If I were to look back on her very short life and point to one moment where I think

she changed as a person, it was obviously that point."

Fox Searchlight on Wednesday declined to comment on the revelations. On Friday, the company said it stood behind Parker and the film.

Now married with five daughters, Parker posted on his Facebook page late Tuesday

that he was "filled with profound sorrow" after learning the fate of the woman Tuesday and regretted that he didn't show "enough empathy."

"While I maintain my innocence that the encounter was unambiguously consensual, there are things more important than the law," he wrote. "There is morality."

Where this leaves one of the fall's marquee films is an open question. Sasha Stone, a veteran Oscar pundit and editor of *AwardsDaily.com*, says the situation is unlike any she's seen before. Though she has mixed feelings about the quick-to-judge mob mentality of social media, she believes the awards prospects of *The Birth of a Nation* have likely been irreparably damaged.

"I don't know how you separate those details and those actions from the guy people are supposed to be celebrating," says Stone. "It's going to be hard enough for Nate Parker to walk into a room in Hollywood now, let alone win awards."

The Toronto International Film Festival is screening the film next month.

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The Hip guide to Kingston

FINAL STOP

Proud Kingston girl shares tips for tourists



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Every good Canadian knows the members of The Tragically Hip are from Kingston, Ont., but what does the average Canadian know about Canada's first capital city?

Yeah, you read that right. Kingston is the first capital of a United Canada and home of our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. Want to know more about the home of The Hip, just in time for the beloved band's Kingston concert Saturday night, which caps off an emotional Man Machine Poem tour? Here's a quick insider's look at Kingston, from a proud Kingston girl now living in Halifax, but always homesick for "K-town."

History

Kingston may be a small, sometimes even overlooked locale, nestled somewhere in southeastern Ontario among the bright lights of bigger cities such as Montreal and Toronto, but when it comes to Canadian tourism, it's actually a pretty big hotspot.

For history buffs, places to see include Bellevue House National

Historic Site, which is where Sir John A. Macdonald lived while serving as Prime Minister and the Cataraqui Cemetery National Historic Site of Canada, which is where the first PM now rests.

Those interested in Kingston's strong military past can stop by Murney Tower National Historic Site of Canada as well as the famous Fort Henry National Historic Site of Canada, which was built during the War of 1812.

More recently, the infamous Kingston Penitentiary, which was built in 1833 and closed down in 2013, has opened its doors for members of the public brave enough to enter. As Canada's oldest maximum-security prison, it housed some of the country's most dangerous and notorious criminals.

Where to eat

After shaking off those penitentiary cobwebs, check out the Kingston 1,000 Island Cruises, an onboard dining experience that takes you through the beautiful 1,000 Islands (and yes, that's how the salad dressing got its name).

Or if you're more the dry land type, head to gorgeous downtown Kingston, where Ontario Street runs along the waterfront and Princess Street offers plenty of shopping and restaurant options. Chez Piggy is one of the better known fine-dining restaurants, Pan Chancho and the Wolfe Island Bakery are fantastic for casual lunches, and Woodenheads has the best gourmet pizza.

Pubs such as The Toucan and the Tir Nan Og Irish Pub are great places for live music or to kick off a night on the town, while craft beer lovers should check out Stone City Ales.

Bonus stop

The Hip are well-known for incorporating spaces and places across Canada into their lyrics.

If you're looking for a lesser-known Kingston location that happens to be mentioned in a Hip song, check out Skeleton Park, officially known as McBurney Park. It was established as a burial ground in 1819, but is now a public park, its playground and various daily activities eerily taking place atop unmarked graves. Rumours about neighbours finding bones and ghosts haunting the area have long been a part of local Kingston folklore.

"In Skeleton Park / One fine summer evening / The sun teased the dark / Like the last strawberry," Downie sings on a bonus track on the We Are the Same album, released in April 2009.

"I could hear them on the breeze / Hear them moving through the trees / The ghosts of the Rideau Canal start to sing / And patting grass you said / 'Come sit next to me, by my sweetheart' / Over in Skeleton Park."

ONLINE

Be sure to look out for Kristen Lipscombe's dispatches from the last Hip show at metronews.ca

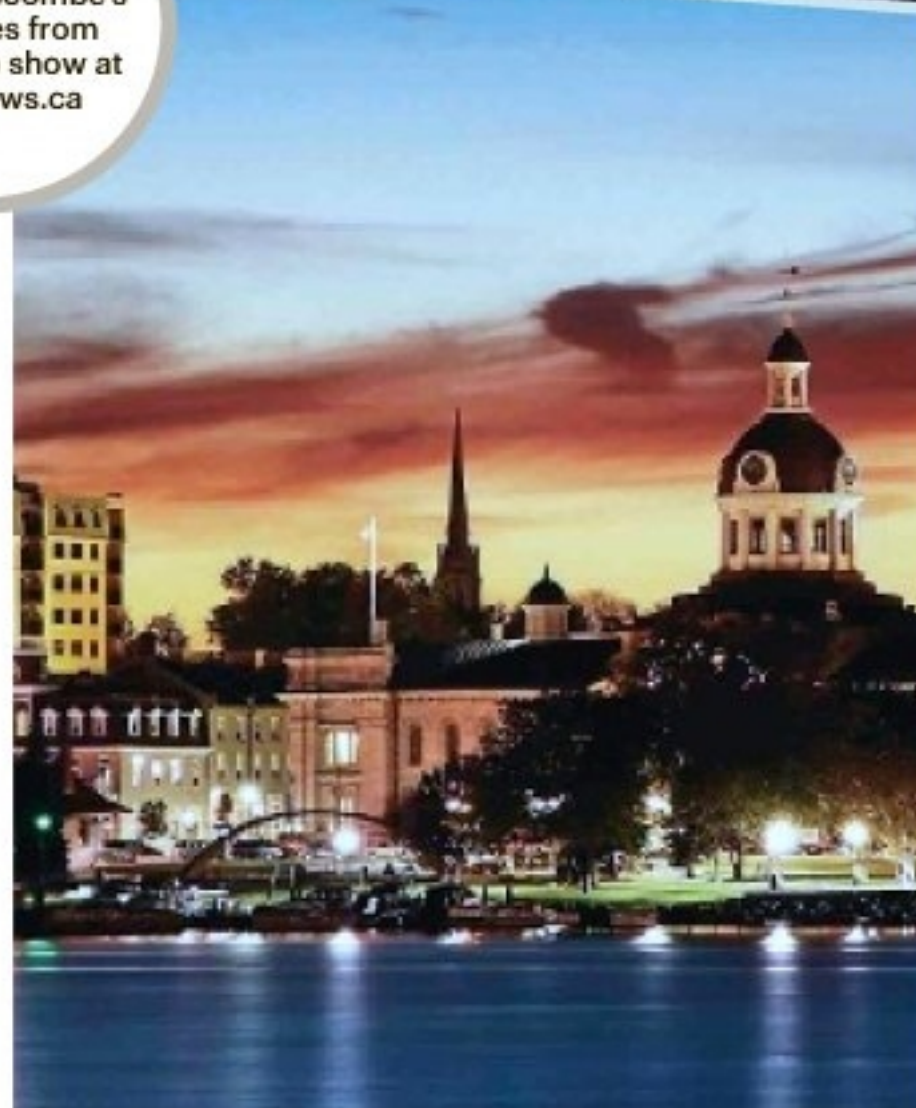


+ CONCERT DETAILS

The final show of The Tragically Hip's 15-date Man Machine Poem tour takes place Aug. 20 at Rogers K-Rock Centre in Kingston, home of the Ontario Hockey League's Kingston Frontenacs, which can only welcome about 6,000 lucky Hip fans.

Kingstonians who won't make it into the arena can gather in Springer Market Square and surrounding streets, in the heart of the city's downtown core, for a free public screening of CBC Television's live stream of the concert. Saturday has been named The Tragically Hip Day in Kingston.

Other Canadians can attend viewing parties in their own hometowns, or watch the concert live in its entirety starting at 8:30 p.m. ET, as a "late breaking story" on the CBC.



If you're in Kingston this weekend for The Tragically Hip's final show, be sure to take in some Hip related sightseeing.

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5 CANADIAN REGIONS TO KNOCK OFF YOUR BUCKET LIST

Working as a travel journalist for the last 15 years I have been fortunate enough to travel the globe; some of the hidden gems I discovered were right under my nose.

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1 Cariboo Region, B.C.

Dominated by mountain scenery and the powerful Fraser River, British Columbia's scenic Cariboo Region embraces its heritage of cowboys and gold mining. The Echo Valley Ranch & Spa, near the town of Clinton, is uniquely positioned amidst the mountains, grasslands, canyons and forests of the interior, making it the perfect spot to explore your inner cowboy. Horseback riding, gold panning, bear viewing and campfires are just some of the activities offered by the hospitable owners.



2 Canadian Badlands, Alta.

Alberta's Rocky Mountain Parks are beautiful but the area south east of Calgary, known as the Canadian Badlands, has dinosaur bones! Dinosaur Provincial Park offers un-earthly scenery and the chance to be part of a real archeological dig. Would-be paleontologists are given a toolkit that includes a paintbrush, hammer and dental pick ... for the more delicate work.



3 Thousand Islands, Ont.

Nestled along the St. Lawrence Seaway between Toronto and Montreal, the Thousand Islands is cottage country at its most charming. Famous for the presence of shipwrecks dating back to the War of 1812, the area is actually comprised of 1,865 islands. Highlights including Boldt Castle, Millionaire's Row and Zavikon Island are best seen by boat. Public cruises are also offered.



4 Charlevoix Region, Que.

The Charlevoix Region north of Quebec City has a long-established reputation for agro tourism and fine dining. Explore Isle-aux-Coudres by bike or take a stunning rail trip to Baie Saint Paul. At most farms in the area, products can be sampled and purchased on site. The chefs in the region's various hotels and restaurants do their part by including local products in all of their menus.



5 Nova Scotia's northern coast

Nova Scotia's Highway 7 hugs the province's northern coast stretching from the New Brunswick border through to Cape Breton. The area is dotted with picture perfect fishing villages, stunning vistas and a number of attractions. Locals proudly boast that these are, "the warmest waters north of the Carolinas."

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Wiebe locks up gold

RIO 2016 Canadian wrestler shuts out opponents in final 2 bouts

They better have been singing O Canada loudly in Stittsville, Ont., on Thursday night.

Erica Wiebe, the pride of the suburban Ottawa town and Canada's newest Olympic wrestling gold medalist, belted out

the national anthem through welling tears and swelling pride and thought back to a visit she made to her hometown and a feeling of déjà vu.

"I visited my elementary school in June and I made all the kids sing O Canada with me and I got these tingles in my body in that moment," Wiebe said minutes after easily handling Kazakhstan's Guzel Manyurova 6-0 in the 75-kilogram gold-medal bout.

"I was really hoping they would hear me today because they sang way better than I did." They may have sung better

back then but none wrestled better than the 27-year-old who now trains out of Calgary. Wiebe went unbeaten in four bouts to become Canada's first female wrestling gold medalist since Carol Hunyh in Beijing eight years ago.

Wiebe defeated Vasilisa Marzaliuk of Belarus 3-0 in the semifinals early Thursday after beating China's Fengliu



Erica Wiebe
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Zhang 5-2 in the quarter-finals. She was an easy winner over Germany's Maria Selmaier in the opening round.

"She beat the top six women at last year's world championship so we knew she had it in her, it was getting her to do it in this arena," her Calgary coach, Paul Ragusa said.

"We had some major words that we focused on: grit, discipline, focus, being sharp and crisp, and that's what she was today."

The five-foot-nine Wiebe was a bundle of enthusiasm before the gold-medal bout, bounding

into the ring like she was on springs. And when it was over, the goal reached, the perfect day an emotional medal ceremony from being over, she first grabbed Ragusa, hugged him within an inch of his life and then carried him around on her shoulders for a victory lap of the mat.

"I just wanted to unleash everything I've put in over the last eight years," Wiebe said. "We work really hard and to not put it all on the mat, that's the worst feeling, that's what I wanted to do today."

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RIO CanCon

Warner reels in bronze

Damian Warner captured bronze in the decathlon on Thursday at the Rio Olympics.

The London, Ont., native finished the 10-discipline competition with 8,666 points. He matches Dave Steen from the 1988 Seoul Games for the best-ever Canadian finish in decathlon.

Defending champion Ashton Eaton of the U.S. won gold with 8,893 points while France's Kevin Mayer took silver with 8,834 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Benfeito captures second medal of the Games

Diver Meaghan Benfeito capped off her Rio run in style after winning her second bronze and first individual medal.

The 27-year-old from Laval, Que., finished with an overall score of 389.20, behind Ren Qian and Si Yajie of China. She previously won bronze with Roseline Filion in the 10-metre synchronized event. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Henderson on birdie watch

Brooke Henderson made her move in the second round of women's golf.

The product of Smiths Falls, Ont., had five consecutive birdies to finish 7-under 64 and shot up the leaderboard into a tie for third with Britain's Charley Hull, closing in on South Korea's Inbee Park and American Stacy Lewis. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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RIO In brief

Doping weightlifter stripped of bronze medal

It was a busy day for doping suspensions. Doping officials announced Thursday that a weightlifter from Kyrgyzstan, swimmer from China, cyclist from Brazil and canoeist from Moldova all tested positive for drugs. Kyrgyzstan's Izzat Artykov had won the bronze in the 69-kilogram category on Tuesday with a total of 339 kilograms lifted, but was stripped of the medal.

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Brothers win gold and silver in the triathlon

Alistair Brownlee of Britain successfully defended his gold medal in the men's triathlon. His younger brother Jonathan, who took bronze in London four years ago, moved up to silver this time around.

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TRACK AND FIELD

De Grasse fastest after Bolt in 200

He could not beat Usain Bolt. Nobody can, when it matters. When it matters, Bolt has all the answers. He dances in, wiggles and shakes and never shows nerves, because he knows he has the answer in his back pocket.

But Markham, Ont.'s Andre De Grasse had one last real head-to-head shot with the greatest, and if you want to be the greatest, you take your shot. Bolt says he will retire after the 2017 world championships: he will turn 30 on Sunday, and has already climbed all the mountains.

So, in the 200-metre final, Bolt tried for a last individual bout

“There was no laughing ... I wanted to challenge him for a gold medal.”

Andre De Grasse

of glory on the biggest stage on Earth, and the 21-year-old Canadian tried to run with him. Bolt danced in the intros, so comfortable. He said he wanted to break his record of 19.19 from 2009, but that was never on the table.

Still, dominant: a 19.78 that

left everyone behind. And the closest man to him was Andre De Grasse in 20.02.

"I was feeling pretty good. I was ready to try to challenge him and he just ran away from me," De Grasse told CBC. "It is what it is."

France's Christophe Lemaitre and Britain's Adam Gemili tied for bronze in 20.12. But De Grasse was clearly the second-best runner in the field. Justin Gatlin, the silver medalist in the 100, didn't make the final here. De Grasse did.

"It's my first Olympic Games I can't complain ... I'm just look-



Usain Bolt GETTY IMAGES

ing forward to the next one," he said.

"I never thought this would happen so it really is a dream come true." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Buffalo Bills have made a \$35-million deal to change the name of their home from Ralph Wilson Stadium to New Era Field

Brazil officials say 'no robbery was committed'

RIO 2016

Security footage sheds light on swimmers' wild night at Games

Brazilian police said Thursday that swimmer Ryan Lochte and U.S. teammates were not robbed after a night of partying, and that the intoxicated athletes instead vandalized a gas station bathroom and were questioned by armed guards before they paid for the damage and left.

The robbery that was or wasn't has become the biggest spectacle outside of the Games in Rio.

"No robbery was committed against these athletes. They were not victims of the crimes they claimed," Civil Police Chief Fernando Veloso said during an afternoon news conference.

The police account raised questions about whether it's possible Lochte and the swimmers believed they were victims of a robbery. Lochte's attorney has maintained that one took place. He, as well as Lochte's father and agent, did not return phone calls.

Lochte initially said he and Jack Conger, Gunnar Bentz and Jimmy Feigen were held at gunpoint and robbed. Police said earlier this week that they couldn't find evidence to substantiate the claim, and a judge ordered the swimmers' passports held. Lochte

had already returned to the U.S. but the others stayed, and Conger and Bentz were pulled off a plane at the Rio airport.

While some details in the official account of the story changed on Thursday — police first said no guns were involved, then backtracked and said two guards drew weapons — security video confirmed that the athletes vandalized parts of the gas station.

A gas station worker arrives, and other workers go to inspect the damage. Veloso said the swimmers broke a door, a soap dispenser and a mirror.

The swimmers eventually talk with security guards, who persuade them to walk to another section of the station.

As they talk, two of the swimmers put their hands up and all four sit down on a curb. After several minutes, they stand up and appear to exchange something — perhaps cash, as police said — with one of the men.

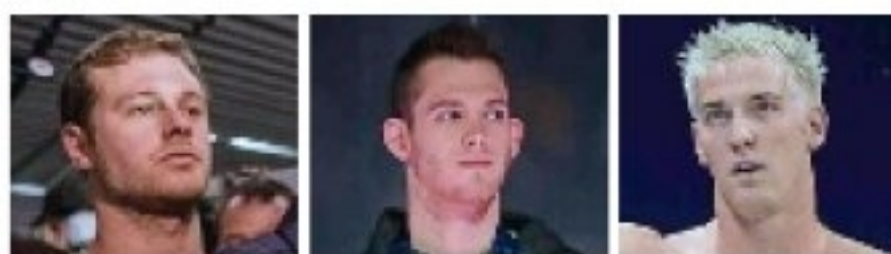
A police official speaking on condition of anonymity said two guards pointed guns at the swimmers. Veloso said the guards would have been justified in drawing their guns because the athletes "were conducting themselves in a violent way."

A station employee called police, and the guards and employees tried to get the swimmers to stay until authorities arrived, Veloso said. But he said the athletes wanted to leave, so paid 100 Brazilian reals (about \$33 US) and \$20 in U.S. currency and left.

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Ryan Lochte is back in the U.S. but his swimming teammates Jack Conger, from bottom left, Gunnar Bentz and Jimmy Feigen are still in South America. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



BASEBALL

Goldeyes take series from Saints

The knuckleball doesn't seem to faze the surging Fish.

The Winnipeg Goldeyes put up a pair of three-run innings against long time MLB hitter-converted-knuckleballer Dan Johnson on Thursday afternoon to beat the St. Paul Saints 9-3.

Ridge Hoopii-Haslam's two-out, two-run home run in the second put the Goldeyes up 3-1 before Casio Grider stepped up in the fifth and smacked a two-out double over the head of Saints centre-fielder Alonzo Harris that cleared the loaded bags.

"It's never ideal or what you want to do to start a baseball game," said Goldeyes starter Mikey O'Brien who settled in to allow just two hits through seven complete after allowing a solo-homer to the first batter he faced. "That's what my mindset was — that's all I get today. I knew that our offence was going to come out swinging and score some runs for me."

The win capped a series victory over the league-leading 55-29 Saints, as the 50-33 Goldeyes took four of the five games the two clubs battled through in less than 48 hours at Shaw Park.

"I think we proved a lot to ourselves," said outfielder Josh Romanski who lead the way with eight RBI in the series' first three games. "Our guys stepped up and really accepted the challenge. Hopefully we can keep it going."

Red-hot and winners of 16 of their last 20 with 17 games to go, the Goldeyes hold a four-game lead over Laredo for the American Association wild card, and trail the Saints by 4.5 for the North Division lead.

The Fish now head to Sioux City for three against the Central Division-leading Explorers before returning home to enjoy 11 of their final 14 contests at home.

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MLB IN BRIEF

Brewers bruised by Bryant

Kris Bryant homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs while going 5 for 5 and the Chicago Cubs overcame Jake Arrieta's career-high seven walks to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-6 on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red Sox caught by Kinsler

Second baseman Ian Kinsler caught a line drive by Mookie Betts for the final out with runners on second and third, and the Detroit Tigers held off the Red Sox 4-3 Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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49ers easing QB Kaepernick back

NFL

San Francisco pivot returns after injuring throwing arm

Colin Kaepernick threw dozens of passes on the side during the 49ers' joint practice Thursday with the Denver Broncos, signalling the quarterback's return from a sore passing shoulder.

The throws were the first on the practice field in a week for Kaepernick, whose competition with Blaine Gabbert for the starting job had to be put on hold after tightness in his right shoulder forced him to rest his throwing arm.

Kaepernick also took part in individual quarterback drills and conditioning. However, coach Chip Kelly said Kaepernick would be eased back into full participation in practices and ruled him out for Saturday night's exhibition game against the Broncos.

Kelly said the plan outlined by the team's medical staff in consultation with Kaepernick called for the quarterback to ramp up his practice participation next week with the notion of getting playing time in the team's third exhibition at home against Green Bay on Aug. 26.

"They're easing him back into throwing right now," Kelly



Colin Kaepernick GETTY IMAGES

said. "In talking to him, he says he feels really good. But we don't want to throw him back out there and then have a setback. From what we understand, it's not a long-term thing but we're just getting him back into it. That's the plan, to see if he can, so that he's a full go to get ready to play the following week."

Kaepernick started by throwing passes of about 10 yards to assistant equipment manager Doc Dressler. Running back Carlos Hyde also came over to catch a few passes from Kaepernick, who later stretched out his throws to about 25 yards.

Throughout the various side sessions and distances, Kaepernick was throwing tight spirals with plenty of zip. His participation in individual footwork and dropback drills was strong and crisp.

We don't want to throw him back out there and then have a setback

49ers coach Chip Kelly on recovering Kaepernick

The team had Kaepernick back off his passing work after he experienced shoulder soreness following practice on Aug. 10. Gabbert was expected to start against the Broncos on Saturday night with Jeff Driskel also seeing time.

Christian Ponder, signed earlier this week to bolster the team's quarterback depth, also was expected to see action.

The 49ers lost quarterback Thad Lewis to a season-ending knee injury in their exhibition opener last Sunday against Houston.

Ponder was out of the league last season after being released in training camp by the Oakland Raiders.

"He's got to knock the rust off a little bit but for the first time out there, he did a good job," Kelly said of Ponder's initial practice with the team Wednesday. "Obviously, if we get him in the game Saturday, it will be limited in terms of, 'What do you feel real comfortable throwing? What do you feel real comfortable running?'"

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NFL IN BRIEF

Sharper gets 18 years for multiple rapes in 4 states

Former NFL star Darren Sharper has been given an 18-year prison in a case where he was accused of drugging and raping as many as 16 women in four states. U.S. District Judge Jane Triche Milazzo sentenced Sharper on Thursday, telling him she couldn't understand how he did what he did, since he was college educated and obviously had grown up "in one of the most loving households."

"We can never ignore the damage you inflicted on those women and society at large," she said.

Sharper who pleaded guilty in federal court in New Orleans to drugging three women so he could rape them said: "I would like to apologize a thousand times," THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harrison wants to meet with NFL over doping link

A representative for James Harrison says the Pittsburgh linebacker is willing to meet with the NFL to discuss an alleged link to performance-enhancing drugs, but only after a deadline the league imposed while threatening him and three other players with indefinite suspensions.

Green Bay's Clay Matthews and Julius Peppers and free agent Mike Neal, all linebackers as well, also were threatened with suspensions.

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*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a loosey-goosey day. It's a poor day for major purchases and important decisions. (It's OK to buy food and gas.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you can hunker down at home today, you will enjoy yourself, because you need to cocoon right now. This is a creative day for you, especially if you work in the arts.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You're eager to communicate with others now; however, tension with partners and close friends is likely. This tension will be gone by the end of September.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be careful, because you are focused on money right now and probably considering a major purchase. Today is a poor day for a major purchase. Wait until tomorrow.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You have a few more days with the Sun in your sign giving you a chance to re-energize yourself. People and favorable situations are attracted to you. Make the most of this.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Although this is a good time to buy wardrobe items for yourself, today is not the day. Wait until tomorrow; you will be glad you did.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
In one way, you are keen to socialize, and you are out there flying your colors. However, a different influence makes you want to hide and be low-key. At least you have a choice.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a great day to schmooze with others. Keep things lighthearted and avoid important decisions. Don't volunteer for anything.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Travel, education and publishing are on your mind now. However, this is a poor day to make a decision regarding these matters. Nevertheless, it's a lighthearted, creative day for you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will enjoy talking to people from different cultures and different backgrounds, because you want to learn something new. It's easy to be openminded today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It's good to know that you can benefit from the wealth and resources of others at this time. Today, however, is a poor day for important decisions, especially about a commitment.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Relations with partners and close friends are unusually warm and cozy now. Don't hesitate to tell others how much you care. Don't leave it to their imagination.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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RECIPE Pork and Black Bean Slow Cooker Chili



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For Metro Canada

• 1 cup water

Directions

Don't forget your slow cooker in the summer – nothing keeps your kitchen cooler!

Ready in 8 hours

Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup bacon, chopped into inch-length pieces
- 500 gram pork loin, cubed
- Glug of vegetable or olive oil
- 2 onions, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 sweet pepper, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 x 19 ounce cans beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup of strained canned tomatoes

1. In a large skillet, brown the bacon for about 5 to 10 minutes. Place on a piece of paper towel and drain almost all excess fat.

2. In small-ish batches, brown the pork in the skillet. Place the bacon and pork into the slow cooker.

3. Toss all of the vegetables in the skillet over medium heat. Sprinkle cumin over the vegetables and give it a good stir until they just begin to soften.

4. Place vegetables, tomatoes, water and beans in the slow cooker, stir and set to low for 6 to 8 hours.

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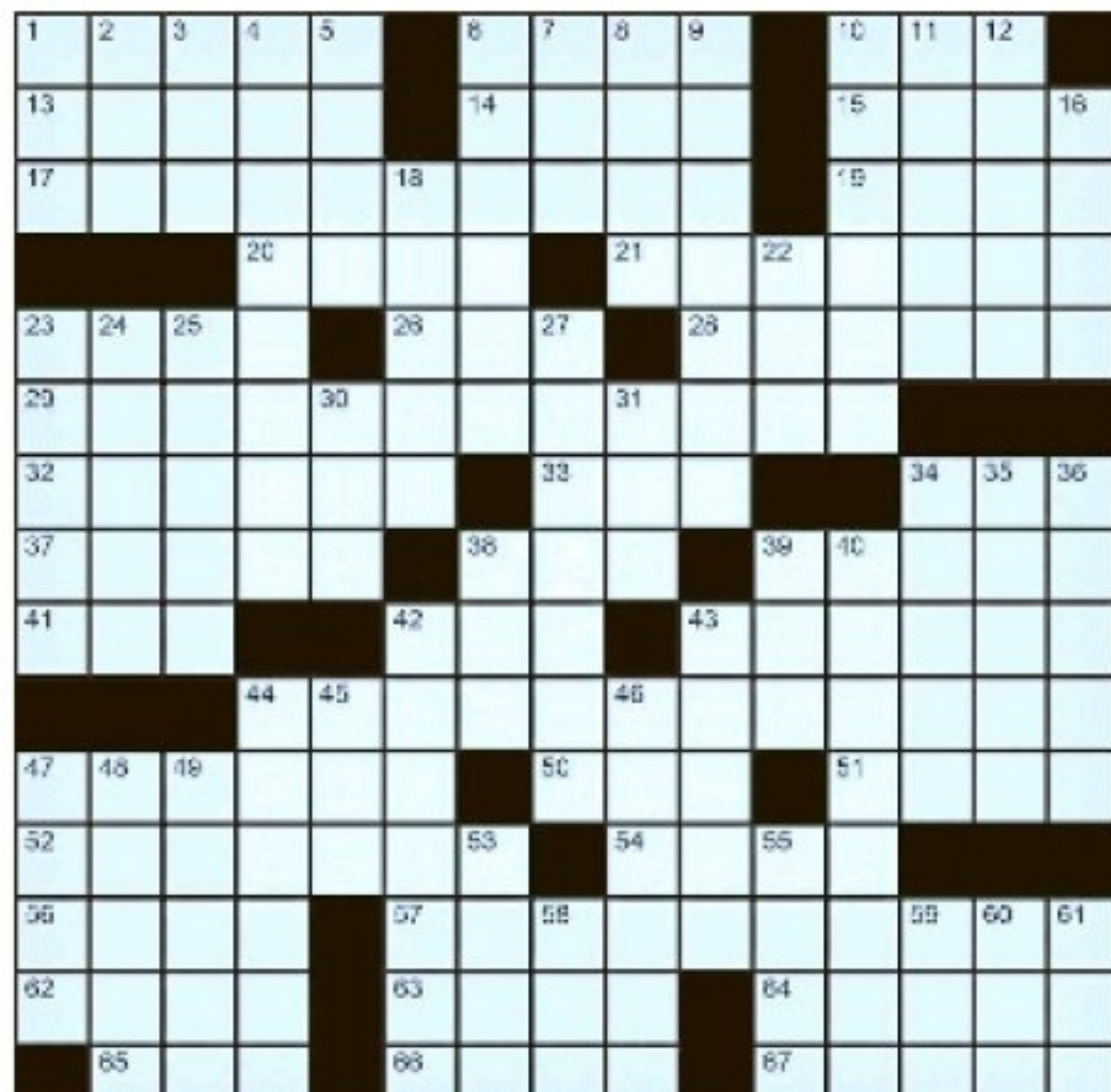
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. RIO 2016: Basketball, fun-style
6. Ms. Helgenberger
10. Mr. Hunter
13. "Coffee ___?"
14. Busy as ___
15. "___ surprised as you!"
17. RIO 2016: Prior to Rio, the last time Golf was an Olympic sport was St. Louis 1904 when a Canadian won the gold medal ...who was he?: 2 wds.
19. Pro ___ (Proportionately)
20. Brave New World tablet
21. Ottawa: The Red Chamber figure
23. Prefix meaning 'Eight'
26. ___ Beach, Hawaii
28. RIO 2016: Horse ___ (Component of #57-Across)
29. RIO 2016: Cross-Country need in Cycling: 2 wds.
32. Wayward
33. Electrical discharge
34. Judy, to Liza
37. The J. ___ Band
38. In favour
39. "___ film today..." (Beatles line)
41. Prince Valiant's son
42. The Col.'s eatery
43. CAA service
44. RIO 2016: ___ Swimming
47. Music storage container: 2 letters + wd.



50. Royal officer, for short
51. 'Trillion'-meaning prefix
52. RIO 2016: Jumped-over things in Track & Field
54. Infamous Vamp.
56. "___..." (Prayer beginning)
57. RIO 2016: Modern ___
62. Ratchet part
63. Water: Spanish
64. Comedy act, Stiller & ___
65. Compass dir.
66. "Drats!"
67. Particular poet

DOWN

1. Don't share
2. Mined stuff
3. 'Ear'-meaning prefix
4. RIO 2016: ___ best (Athlete's top-ever performance)
5. Palm starch
6. RIO 2016: Lilongwe

7. 'Lull' ending
8. Antique autos [abbr.]
9. Non-name brand
10. Rant
11. Violin-making family
12. RIO 2016: 4 x 100m Relay prop in

- Track & Field
16. Famed puppeteer Tony
18. 1933 Broadway musical, Let '___ Cake
22. 'Neat' suffix
23. RIO 2016: Olympics official timekeeper
24. Apples gadget
25. Burial shroud city in Italy
27. Lawlessness
30. Heavy wts.
31. Fam. member
34. Corn
35. Proprietor
36. Eva and Zsa Zsa Gabor's older sister
38. Gomer Pyle's rank [acronym]
39. 'Opt' suffix
40. Changed
42. RIO 2016: Athlete's protection, perhaps
43. Bing Crosby's "___ -Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral"
44. RIO 2016: Equestrian's seat
45. Couture monogram
46. ___ sale
47. Prepare veggies
48. "Max ___ Returns" (1983)
49. Queen Elizabeth's 'hat'
53. Video game maker
55. Prefix with 'sphere'
58. Called-one's occupation
59. Movies composer Francis
60. Hosp. sites
61. ___ Geo (Nature mag, cutely)

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